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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hanley ('590) in view of Coyle et al ('594).

Hanley discloses an adjustable side mounted rear view mirror comprising a housing unit (12) that is adapted to be mounted on an outside side surface of a land vehicle; a mirror element (26) movably mounted in said housing unit; a solenoid unit (58) mounted in said housing unit and connected to said mirror element; and a control unit (68) electrically connected to said solenoid unit, wherein said control unit includes a control button, note figures 1, 2 and 4 along with the associated description thereof, except for a light electrically connected to the control button.

Coyle et al teaches it is well known to use illuminated push button assemblies in an analogous art for the purpose of providing a visual indication to an individual whether said push button is on or off.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the control unit/push button of Hanley to include a light electrically connected to the control button (an illuminated push button assembly), as taught by Coyle et al, in order to provide a visual indication to an individual whether said push button is on or off.

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3. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jain ('246) in view of Coyle et al ('594).

Jain discloses an adjustable side mounted rear view mirror comprising a housing unit (14) that is adapted to be mounted on an outside side surface of a land vehicle; a mirror element (10) movably mounted in said housing unit; a solenoid unit (44) mounted in said housing unit and connected to said mirror element; and a control unit (see Fig. 7a) electrically connected to said solenoid unit, wherein said control unit includes a control button (67), note figures 6 and 7a along with the associated description thereof, except for a light electrically connected to the control button.

Coyle et al teaches it is well known to use illuminated push button assemblies in an analogous art for the purpose of providing a visual indication to an individual whether said push button is on or off.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the control unit/push button of Jain to include a light electrically connected to the control button (an illuminated push button assembly), as taught by Coyle et al, in order to provide a visual indication to an individual whether said push button is on or off.

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Longland ('306) in view of Coyle et al ('594).

Longland discloses an adjustable side mounted rear view mirror comprising a housing unit (54) that is adapted to be mounted on an outside side surface of a land vehicle; a mirror element (58) movably mounted in said housing unit; a solenoid unit (31-34) mounted in said housing unit and connected to said mirror element; and a control unit (45,48,63) electrically

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connected to said solenoid unit, wherein said control unit includes a control button (63), note figures 1, 8, 9, 12, and 23 along with the associated description thereof, except for a light electrically connected to the control button.

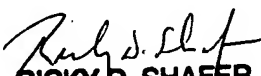
Coyle et al teaches it is well known to use illuminated push button assemblies in an analogous art for the purpose of providing a visual indication to an individual whether said push button is on or off.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the control unit/push button of Longland to include a light electrically connected to the control button (an illuminated push button assembly), as taught by Coyle et al, in order to provide a visual indication to an individual whether said push button is on or off.

5. Claim 1 is allowed.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ricky D. Shafer whose telephone number is (571) 272-2320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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